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File No. 2309/0H444

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Naohito TAKEUCHI et al.

Serial No.: 09/627,013

Group Art Unit: 1771

Confirmation No. 9726

Filed: July 27, 2000

Examiner: PRATT, Christopher C.

For: WATER-DECOMPOSABLE FIBROUS SHEET OF HIGH RESISTANCE TO
SURFACE FRICTION, AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING IT

October 9, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT


Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 10, 2002, the applicants in the above-identified patent application provisionally elect, WITHOUT TRAVERSE Group I, claims 1-12 drawn to a water-decomposable sheet classified in class 442, subclass 340.

If there are any questions regarding this Response or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

October 9, 2002

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